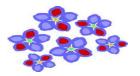
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KBCB NEWSLETTER



Spring Cleaning

Free Dump Week

Brunswick County will be hosting the spring free dump week at the Brunswick County Landfill April 11th through April 16th. Brunswick County residents may dispose of all materials except for regular household trash or new construction debris free of charge at the County Landfill in Bolivia (convenience centers will maintain regular tipping fees). Anyone driving a commercial vehicle or hauling commercial debris will be charged regular tipping fees. Proof of Brunswick County residency is required and will be checked at the Landfill entrance

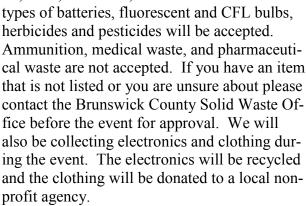
HHW, Electronics & Clothes

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On April 16th from 9 am until

2 pm Brunswick County Solid Waste and the North Carolina Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services will be hosting a household hazardous waste, electronics and clothing collection at the Shallotte Middle School. The event will be held in the bus parking lot and is free to County residents and farmers only. When you arrive at the event please have proof of Brunswick County residency available. While at the event we ask that all residents remain in their vehicle and please extinguish any and all smoking material while on school property. All items brought to the event must be clearly labeled for identification purposes.

Items such as paint, household chemicals, used motor oil, fuels, antifreeze, all



The event attendants reserve the right to reject any items brought to the event.

For more information about these events please contact the Solid Waste Office at 910-253-2524.

Litter Sweep

The Great American Cleanup started on March 1st and will run through May. During this time many local groups and communities are planning to host a Litter Sweep event. If you would like to be involved in this cleanup effort please contact one of the groups listed below. If you have a group doing a cleanup and you're not listed or if you need supplies for your event please contact the Brunswick County Solid Waste office.

Scheduled Cleanups

- March 26—Oak Island's Clean the Creek—contact Rebecca at 278-4747
- April 16—Shallotte Park—contact Julie at 754-8988
- April 30—Boiling Spring Lakes—contact Mary at 845-3693



Be a Green Shopper . . . Go Local

With the arrival of Spring I've also had the arrival of houseguests. I love this time of year because I truly enjoy the company and all the activities that come with out of town visitors. We usually hit the beaches, lots of restaurants and do our fair share of shopping. When I'm out playing tourist with my guests I run into some of the most interesting shops. This sparked an idea . . . I thought it would be nice to "spotlight" some of the cool environmentally

friendly businesses that we have in our area. As I run across some of these little gems I will post some information about their business and business practices. This is also a great way for readers to get involved. If you have a certain shop that you frequent and it's business practices or merchandise is environmentally friendly please send me some information about them. I'll do some research and put together a small blurb in about them in the next newsletter.

Below I have some information about two businesses that I've recently run upon. When in their area take the time to check them out!

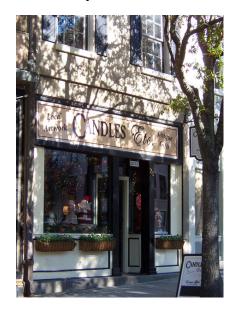
Old Wilmington Candle Company

The Old Wilmington Candle Company is located at the river in historic Wilmington. The location alone is worth the trip to shop there. Located on Market Street the shop is filled with wonderful scents that capture your attention from the street.

Upon entering the store you simply can not resist picking up the jars to take a sniff. One of my favorites was the lavender candle. Just straight lavender (not lavender and vanilla or lavender and lilac). The gentleman attending the shop began showing me some of their newest creations and explained that all the candles where made with natural soy wax and beeswax and phthalates free fragrances. The big difference in using these waxes verses the paraffin (a derivative of petroleum) is that they will not emit the black smoke and soot that you find with most candles. As far as phthalates (used in fragrances) goes they have been linked to a wide range of health issues. I know from personal experience that they will set off migraines. I also found out that all of their raw material shipments are carbon neutral. Meaning the amount of CO2 released by shipping these materials can be calculated and are offset 100% by purchasing carbon credits. They also

recycle the glass jars. When you've burnt the last bit of your candle you may take your jar back to the store and receive a discount on your next purchase.

I bought a candle while visiting the store, and yes it was the lavender, and have been very happy with it. That single candle fills several rooms with the light happy scent of lavender. I will definitely go back for more and I hope all have a chance to visit the store for yourself. They do have a website, www.candlesetconline.com, and I encourage you to visit it but it's not the same as walking in the store and experiencing the wonderful array of scents for yourself.



Lettuce Deliver!

Lettuce Deliver is a delivery service that has been advertised



recently in several of the local newspapers. I haven't had the opportunity to use the service yet but my brother, who lives in Wilmington, has and he loves it. Lettuce Deliver will bring fresh, locally grown and mostly organically grown, produce to your door. They have several plans: weekly, monthly, or every other week and you may opt in or out at any time. Each box is a 25-pound tomato packing box and costs \$35. The box is filled with vegetables that are in season and available at that time and you may view what the mix will be at the Lettuce Deliver website

www.lettuceDeliverNow.com. This is such a wonderful idea for those who live in apartments and condos or for those who just do not have a green thumb or the time to put into a garden.



Community Awareness

Announcement

Brunswick County Animal Services will be sponsoring a Rabies Clinic on Saturday, April 2, 2011. The rabies vaccine costs



\$6.00 per animal. For more information and locations contact Brunswick County Animal Services at 754-8204 or 754-9261 or visit their website at

www.animalservices.brunsco.net.



The Brunswick County Swap Shop and Paint Exchange building is located at the Brunswick County Landfill. This building is provided for citizens to use as a means of disposing of usable paint and small household items that are still in usable condition. There is no charge to place items in the building and there is no charge for taking items out. This is a free service offered to help reduce our waste stream. Please take the time to visit. You never know what you might find.

Items currently in the building:

Various assortment of paint (enamel and latex-some cans are new and have never been opened)

Three filing cabinets in very Good condition



Please remember that only items and paint that are in USABLE condition should be placed in the building.